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A WALL STREET SQUIRREL HUNT

The Elder Man Showed His Appreciation of the Joke.

They were two Wall street men, and the start of it all was on the "walk uptown."

The lesser light was telling the older man—a gray-haired, distinguished-looking individual—a new joke.

"It was this way," he was saying. "A friend of mine called me up on the telephone to-day and propounded a new riddle. 'Do you know how to catch a squirrel?'" he asked. When I replied that I did not, but that I supposed there was some joke to it, he answered: 'Oh, no. There's no joke. It's dead earnest. You see it's this way: Squirrels are fond of nuts. Well, in order to catch a squirrel all you have to do is to get up a tree and make a noise like a nut.'

"Now," said the young man who was telling the story, "what do you think of it?" The older man smiled.

"Nothing," he answered, briefly.

They parted a few moments later, the younger man with the now familiar Weber and Fields bank scene salutation. "Eveninck!"

At precisely 1:35 o'clock the next morning, when the young man and his household were sound asleep, there was a loud jangling of the front door bell. The cause of it all was a messenger boy, who when admitted—but not before the whole house had been aroused, for he had been instructed that it was a boarding house for deaf-mutes—gravelly delivered a letter addressed to the young man. It was from the gray-haired, sedate Wall street veteran. In the dim light the recipient read it:

"Dear B: P. is right. Great joke. Magnificat. They do have bark-sometimes. Mornick."

The same morning, says the New York Times, some eight hours later, there was a sleepy young man in Wall street seeking the gore of the disturber of his slumbers. But the disturber knew better, and came not until the wrath of the afflicted one had subsided.

How to Fight a Battle.

"You mustn't go into the fight with both ranks to onet," said the old colonel. "You must begin with the front rank alone, an' hold the rear rank back for a reserve. Nothin' like a reserve to scarify an enemy with. I'll tell you about that in a minute. Now, here you be, marchin' along in two ranks, column front, 'tendin' to your own business; an' here's the enemy over there, gittin' ready to stop you. Don't go too high to 'em. Halt your troops fur enough back so's to give you plenty o' room fer a good long run at 'em. You can sometimes scare folks with your runnin' at 'em like sixty, an' yellin' like blue inferns, than you can by actually punchin' 'em in the face. Now, then, soon's you see the 's got to be a fight, you begin it. Don't wait for them to git in the fast lick. Git it in yourself. Sometimes the 's ain't only one blow struck in a fight, an' the feller that strikes it wins the vict'ry. Sail right in with your front rank. Mind, your rear rank ain't to move till the cap'n gives 'em orders. Let the front rank do the fightin' till they've got the enemy sort o' tucked out. Then come at 'em with your fresh troops, runnin' an' yellin' like all git out, an' ten to one the enemy'll turn tail."

Gen. Chaffee Had Orders.

The Rev. J. H. Pyke, for thirty years a Methodist missionary in China, was in Greenfield, Ind., recently, says the Indianapolis News, and told a story in connection with the advance of the allied armies on Pekin.

He was confined in the Chinese capital during the Boxer uprising. He said that when the generals of various nations were meeting every day and discussing plans to make a combined attack on Pekin, one of the number, who did not talk, was Gen. Chaffee, in command of the American forces.

The British general remarked: "Gen. Chaffee, we have not heard from you."

The reply from the American was brief, and he said he had an order from President McKinley to proceed to Pekin immediately, and he intended to do it, whether he went alone or the allied armies went with him. That settled the question, and every commander present ordered his army to move with the Americans.

Life of a Much-Loved Novelist.

In his forthcoming biography of William Black, the novelist, Sir Wemyss Reid tells a very entertaining story of Black's life, his relations with his friends and with the characters in his books. Black once told Sir Wemyss that of all his many stories "Madcap Violet" was his favorite, says the Kansas City Journal, and it is known that the scenes described in that novel are drawn direct from the neighborhood of Black's own home in Camberwell Grove, which was known as Airle House. The country round about has changed considerably since the story was written, but it is said that the home of James Drummond, the hero of "Madcap Violet" is still standing.

Professor Makes a Find

Dr. Sieglin, professor of ancient history at the University of Berlin, has discovered during his recent tour in southern Spain, what is probably the oldest temple of the ancient Iberians, at the confluence of the rivers Odiel, and Rio Tinto, near Huelva. The temple was dedicated to the Goddess of the Lower World, and is connected with two caves, which are filled with debris.

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SAID WAR IS NOW IMPRACTICABLE

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Equally Matched to Fight

The great powers of Europe are to-

day divided into two armed camps, wrote the late Jean de Bloch in the

North American Review, each camp differing hardly a hair's breadth in the sum of its numbers, armament,

efficiency and national spirit. On the frontiers rise impregnable fortifica-

tions, executed on a scale and with a completeness unknown in the past,

and between ancient enemies stands the invisible wall of an enhanced de-

fensive, which, arising from human progress itself, shows no practicable

opening for human assault. By these changes we are brought face to face

with the practical disappearance of war from one of its most ancient do-

maines. For can it be conceived that any statesman will be so blind or any

mob so passionate as to rush into a struggle whence neither valor nor

genius can draw any compensating result? Be it added that, happily, there is now no question pending in Europe

likely to provoke acute enmity. Dynastic and religious wars are things

of the past. Frontiers are everywhere sharply delimited, if not exactly ac-

ording to racial divisions, at least more closely corresponding to that

ideal delimitation than they have ever been before. On the continent of Eu-

rope even rumors of wars have passed away. In the decade of 1880-1890

seldom a month passed without rumors being published in the European press

on apparently good authority that France and Germany, or Russia and

Germany, were secretly mobilizing, with a view to immediate hostilities.

Such rumors are seldom heard to-day.

The Great Alaskan Coal Measures.

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line from the United States or British Columbia run within twenty miles of

this field, but it is also the nearest of all American coal mines to all the

island possessions of the United States on the Pacific, the nearest point, in

fact, of the American mainland to Hawaii, to Samoa, to Guam and to the

Philippines, and also by nearly 2,000 miles nearer than the Puget

Sound mines or San Francisco to all parts of Asia, and especially to the

great mining region recently developed on the shores of Bering Sea. From

Portage bay it is 1,482 miles shorter to Manila, 1,403 miles shorter to

Guam, 344 miles shorter to Honolulu, and from Herenden bay 1,460 miles

shorter to Dutch harbor, 1,790 miles shorter to St. Michael's, 1,792 miles

shorter to Nome, than from the coal supplies of Seattle, Tacoma and Van-

couver.

She Got a Seat.

Humor does not abound in the vigorous atmosphere of the Twopenny Tube

between 7 and 8 p. m. Therefore the passengers jammed up near the fat

irate woman one evening last week greatly enjoyed the following:

"Thomas (this very loudly while jogg- ing a mild little husband as they

both swayed, clutching the leather loops overhead)—Get me a seat, I tell

yer."

Conciliatory whispers came from the mild man, who glanced timidly at the

passengers his wife was pushing against.

Then: "Nonsense! Yer can find me a seat easy enough, if yer wanted to."

More agonized whispers from the husband and more loud demands from

the wife. There was great local relief when an irreproachably dressed

young man politely gave up his seat.

As the woman dropped heavily into it she beamed on him with, "Any one

can see you're not my husband, sir!"— Manchester (England) Guardian.

A Child's Romance.

Chroniclers of the quaint remarks made in public schools are probably

unaware of the fund of humor that exists in the exercises handed up to the

teacher of composition in private schools, especially in those for girls.

The following is a characteristic sentence taken from a composition by a

little girl of 11: "You may not think it, dears, but I was once a little girl

like you, though I am now over 20, and have a large family of my own."

But perhaps the gem of the collection is the concluding remark of a

description of how two little girls were chased by a bull. "I left Madge to her fate and

saved myself by leaping over a gate. Needless to say, I never saw Madge

again; and ever since I have disliked pinches."

Significant.

"For ten years," said the new par-taker at a boarding house, "my habits

were as regular as clockwork. I rose on the stroke of 6; half an hour later

I sat down to breakfast; at 7 I was at work; dined at 12; ate supper at 6,

and was in bed at 9:30; ate only healthy food, and hadn't a sick day in

all that time."

"Dear me," asked the deacon in sympathetic tones, "and what were you in for?"

(An awful silence ensued.)

A good life defers wrinkles.

HEROISM DISPLAYED BY BOTH

French Police Officer and Woman

Prisoner Self-Sacrificing.

The case is recounted of a woman

who had been arrested for some slight offence, and was being taken by a de-

tective to Paris by a Seine steamer. At the Concorde bridge a well-dressed

man suddenly threw himself into the river and was rapidly drowning before

their eyes.

The officer was a brave fellow and an excellent swimmer; it cost him a

struggle to see a life lost that he might save, if he were free to act.

"If I were alone," he exclaimed, "I would save that man."

"Save him," said the woman quietly. "I will wait for you at the pier—pray

do not delay a moment."

The officer hesitated for an instant, and then threw off his coat and plunged

into the water. He had barely seized the drowning man when a boat

struck him violently and he lost his grip. He dived again, but vainly, and

at last, quite exhausted, was pulled into a small boat, which itself narrow-

ly escaped collision with a steamer.